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Minutes

Name of Organization: **Women Veterans Advisory Committee (WVAC)**

Date and Time of Meeting: **March 24, 2015 (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)**

Meeting Location: **VIA Teleconference with Public Access**

Members of the public were able to participate in person at the Veterans Benefits Administration Building, 5460 Reno Corporate Dr. Reno, NV 89511 or the VBA conference room 6900 N. Pecos Rd. N. Las Vegas, NV 89086

***Call to Order**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Davis calls meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Chairwoman Davis calls roll for official members.

Members present include: Anne Davis, Roberta Pike-Oates, and Charley Smith.

Members absent: Anthoneal Newman.

Non-council members: present during Roll Call include: Katherine Miller, Willette Gerald and Necole Stevens

Members of the public in attendance: N/A

Motion to approve agenda: Anne Davis moved to approve agenda, Roberta Pike-Oates seconded. Agenda was approved by unanimous decision.

Motion to approve previous minutes: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT: Director Katherine Miller briefed the committee with an update of changes within the agency and the Nevada Legislator. Director Miller

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supported the WVAC recommendation that the WVAC committee be established in statute.

Assemblyman Edwards submitted an Assembly Bill. Assembly Bill 241 proposes that a Military and Veterans Research Advisory Committee be established. The WVAC could be established under this committee.

The Military and Veteran Research Advisory Committee is very similar to the Veterans Committee with additional members and a research component.

In meeting with Assemblyman Edwards, Director Miller suggested that in lieu of creating this new committee (Military and Veterans Research Advisory Committee), that the Veterans Services Committee be modified by adding new members including a Women's Veterans Advisory Committee member.

Assemblyman Edwards did not accept this recommendation but added the Women's Veterans Advisory Committee to the bill because of the Sunset event in June. A member from the WVAC will be a part of the new committee but at this moment this has not be finalized.

Senator Woodhouse, Senate Bill 268 in NRS.4.17 changes the language to the responsibilities of the Deputy Director and Director to include MST (Military Sexual Trauma), which will change the agency's strategic plan. Per Director Miller this should fall under the Women's Veterans Advisory Committee. Director Miller suggests a WVAC member attend the next hearing in regards to this bill, Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

There is a fiscal note attached to this bill which creates issues in getting it approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairwoman Davis submits finalized letter of support for Senator Heller and Senator Murray regarding the Women Veterans Access to Quality Care Act of 2015.
 - A bill that if enacted would improve reproductive assistance and related care for veterans who were severely injured to the extent that reproduction would otherwise not be possible without medical intervention

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- Bobi Pike-Oates- supports
- Charley Smith - seconds and created independent letter and endorse
 - Motion to send support letter to Senator Heller's office
- All in Favor- Yes
 - Motion approved and the letter is finalized as written
- Bobi Pike-Oates sent information regarding all of the Legislative bills to attend
- Bobi Pike-Oates asked that legislative bills be added to the May agenda
- Charley Smith to attend Senator Woodhouse's meeting to make recommendations to the MST component
- Chairwoman Davis will plan to attend the next event with Senator Edwards when scheduled.

NEXT MEETING:

- Next meeting is set for May 6, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chairwoman Davis made a motion to adjourn,
- Charley Smith seconded.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.